Docket No. 212/262

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mollenauer

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Serial No.: 09/598,852

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For: Devices and Methods for Repair of Valves in the Human

Body

Examiner: Thanh, L.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002.

Amendments

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 10 as follows:

1. (amended) A device for treating an incompetent anatomical valve or sphincter within the body of a patient, wherein said

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